

Businessmen propose amnesty plan for some social security frauds

By David Sapsed

An amnesty proposal that would let social security frauds escape tax bills running into millions of pounds is to be submitted to Treasury ministers at the end of the month.

The proposal would entail the Inland Revenue ignoring the unpaid tax on past, illegal earnings of some social security recipients, if they opted for a new, simplified system of getting self-employed status.

The scheme, intended to dovetail with the Government's attack on the black economy, is aimed at getting people off unemployment benefit and legitimately operating as self-employed.

Under the proposal, drawn up by the Institute of Directors (IOD), the amnesty would apply only to people in areas of high unemployment who had been "moonlighting" while receiving benefit, and not to those in parts of the country where unemployment was lower.

The selective nature of the scheme and public antipathy towards tax dodgers will inevitably lead to controversy if it is adopted by the Government. But Mr Graham Mather, head of the institute's policy unit, believes the plan is in tune with government thinking.

"Whether it is accepted or not depends on how concerned you are about unemployment and how politically important it is for you to be seen to be doing something about it," he said yesterday.

"What we are trying to do is to provide proposals which are compatible with present government policies, are cost-effective and in tune with the national economy, and will get people out of the black economy."

The black economy is estimated to cost the Treasury about £6 billion a year in lost tax and, in a recent survey for the Committee for Research into Public Attitudes, more than a third of unemployed men aged between 18 and 34 admitted to doing work for cash while receiving benefit. The institute has been press-

ing to make it easier for people to get self-employed status. Earlier this summer, Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, committed the Government to looking at ways of cutting red tape to get a fairer system.

The tax amnesty proposals form part of a package being submitted to the Government. The institute's aim is to increase the numbers of self-employed by 100,000 a year over the next five years by introducing a simple, statutory right to choose self-employed status.

A Whitehall spokesman said yesterday that a similar idea in Northern Ireland had led to "chaos".

Mr Michael Forsyth, Conservative MP for Strating, who put forward a 10-minute rule Bill last year in an attempt to simplify the system for registering as self-employed, said he thought that the idea behind an amnesty was sound. However, he would want to explore the details before giving it his support.

Prince to star in ITN film special

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to star in a two-part television special about their private and public lives.

The two one-hour programmes being made by ITN are among the highlights of ITV's £70 million line-up for the autumn.

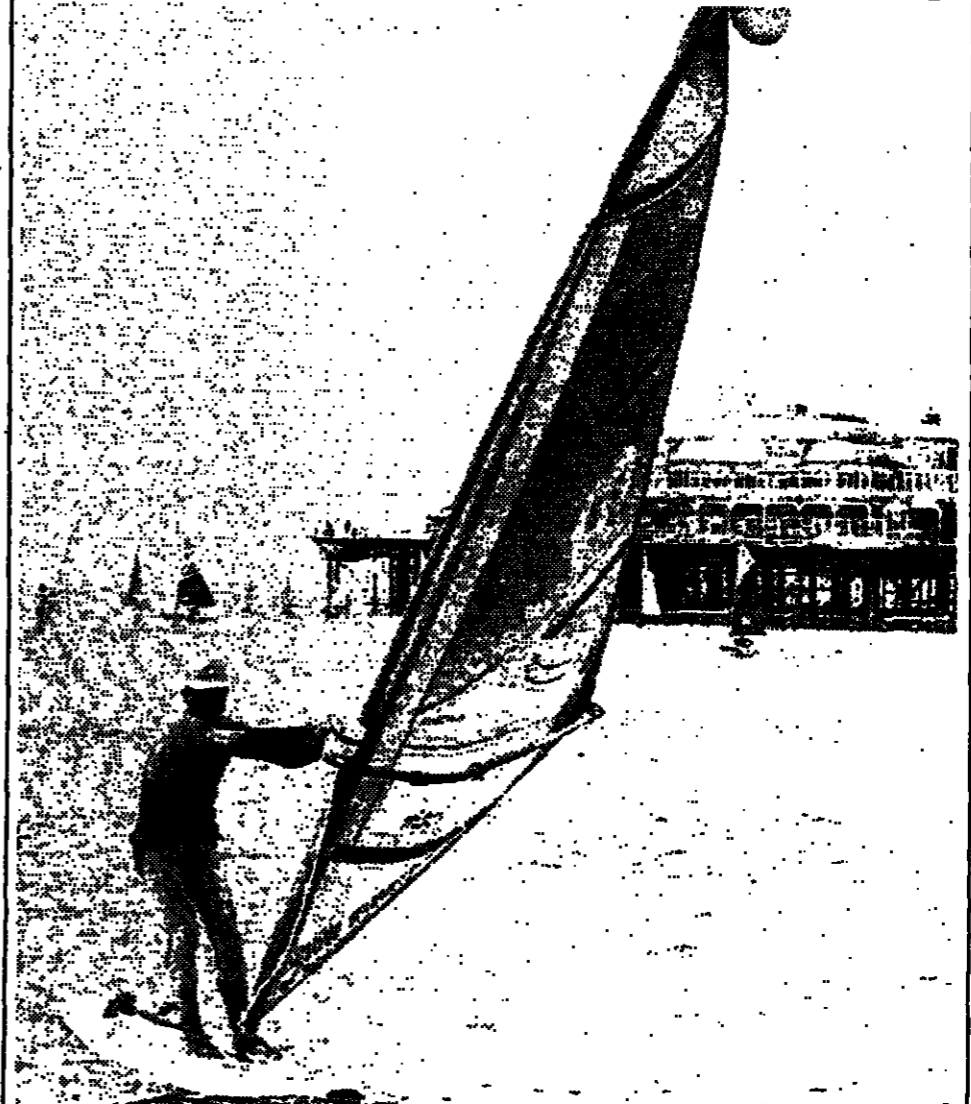
The ITV season marks the return of the actor, Dirk Bogarde, starring in Graham Greene's comedy of sexual manners, *May We Borrow Your Husband*. The actor also wrote the screenplay, which is his first.

The line-up of drama programmes includes seven new series and six single plays, by writers including John Mortimer, Jack Rosenthal and Beryl Bainbridge.

There are four new situation comedies, including Penelope Keith and Geoffrey Palmer in *Executive Stress*, about a woman succeeding in a man's world.

Films and bought-in series for the season include the Bond film, *For Your Eyes Only*, and the mini-series, *North and South*, set in the years leading up to the American Civil War.

New record for windsurfing



Simon Bornhoft arriving yesterday in Brighton to beat the world windsurfing endurance record by three hours. Mr Bornhoft, aged 21, of Havant, Hampshire, spent 90 hours 45 minutes and 55 seconds on his board between Weymouth in Dorset and Brighton. He was allowed only a five-minute break each hour and relied on pasta and hot drinks for stamina to complete the 300-mile course. The previous record-holder was Marco Topdemir, of France. Mr Bornhoft was greeted by Miss Danielle Devereaux (right), his girl friend, before collapsing exhausted on the beach (Photograph: Peter Trevnor).



Portfolio Gold - Windfall will pay for trip to America

A grandmother from Edinburgh was yesterday's outright winner of the weekly Portfolio Gold prize of £8,000.

Mrs Margaret Oddy, aged 60, of Findhorn Place, said that she had been playing since the game was started, but was teased by her family who thought she would never win.

"Only my four-year-old grandson, Kenneth, thought I would win, and he was not at all surprised when I told him the news."

Mrs Oddy said that she would probably spend most of her winnings on her family, but she also wanted to take advantage of the windfall to visit some friends in Tennessee.

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Birth pill declines in popularity

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The decline and fall of the pill as the first choice in contraception has been predicted by a leading family planning specialist.

Worries among women about the possible health risk have speeded a trend towards other methods, with men taking more responsibility, Miss Kaye Wellings, research officer of the Family Planning Association, says.

The number of British women using the pill dropped by 10 per cent between 1975 and 1983, and is still falling, she reports in the latest issue of *The British Journal of Family Planning*.

Although it is still the preferred method of most women, more adverse publicity could bring about a further decline in its popularity, Miss Wellings says.

Many women abandoned the treatment after evidence in 1977 that long-term use of oral contraceptives was associated with increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

The more recent scare, started by reports in *The Lancet* three years ago,

Tests on vaccine for meningitis

By Jill Sherman

Scientists in Wiltshire are preparing a new vaccine against meningitis which they hope to be able to use by next year.

The vaccine, discovered in the United States by Dr Carl Frasch, of the Bureau of Biologics in Bethesda, Maryland, will be tested soon by scientists at the Centre for Applied Microbiology Research at Porton Down in Wiltshire.

The public health laboratory in Manchester will also help assess the new vaccine.

The laboratory analyses organisms from different strains of the disease from all over the country including the B15 strain affecting children in Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Separate research on the vaccine is being carried out by Wellcome Research Laboratory in Kent.

Curb on untrained electricians

A nationwide campaign will be launched next month to try to curb the activities of untrained and unregistered electricians.

The Government will be urged to impose tougher controls on the trade by the Electrical Contractors Association, representing Britain's leading companies, which says: "At the moment anyone can become an electrician simply by having a business card printed."

Britain is the only country in western Europe that has no legal control over electricians.

Writs issued over gas blast

British Gas and John Laing Construction are being sued in the High Court for £1 million damages over the gas explosion disaster in Putney, south-west London, in 1985.

They are contesting writs, alleging negligence and breach of duty, issued by 68 survivors, insurance companies and relatives of the eight people who died when a fractured gas main exploded.

Stubble check

Farmers can be fined up to £2,000 for contravening new by-laws while burning straw and stubble in Norfolk. The by-laws, introduced by all the county's district councils, aim to reduce harvest-time fires in cornfields.

Shops centre

Planners have given approval for a £40 million shopping development on 85 acres of land in Colwick, Nottinghamshire, which would create up to 3,000 jobs.

Police postings abroad to halt drug trafficking

By Stewart Teadler, Crime Reporter

Senior police drugs investigators are hoping to post more detectives abroad as permanent liaison officers with foreign forces in Europe and the United States.

It would be part of an expanded campaign against leading international drug traffickers which is under discussion at Scotland Yard, the Foreign Office and the Home Office.

The moves come when greater European co-operation on drug problems is being discussed within the EEC this autumn.

Liaison officers, usually based at British embassies, provide ways to speed up co-operation and exchanges of intelligence.

Scotland Yard already has a liaison officer working in Amsterdam but an officer for Madrid has been proposed before the end of the year.

The search has started for an officer of the right rank and experience who speaks Spanish.

Investigators are worried that Spain is being used as a main staging point for cannabis and cocaine from South America.

The Spanish authorities have already agreed to a Scandinavian officer working there.

Senior British officers would also like to strengthen the Dutch liaison operation by posting a second man to The Netherlands.

They would like to post a man full-time in Washington to work with the federal agencies and Canadian authorities and monitor the American hemisphere.

Senior officers say that the liaison officers help to improve the flow of information and investigations.

Other countries including West Germany and Canada have a large number of liaison officers working in different capitals.

The Drug Enforcement Agency, which heads the American operation against traffickers, now has three agents in Britain.

British customs officers have already been posted to a number of regions including South America and the Middle East.

Office staff poorly trained

By Lacy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The education and training of the average office worker in France is superior to that in England, according to research published by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

France produces 10 times more trained office staff than Britain, and they reach higher standards than their British counterparts both in office skills and in general education, Miss Hilary Steedman, author of the document, says.

Qualified French workers have studied a foreign language but this is the exception in England.

"It has been clear for some time that the limited abilities of secretarial and clerical staff in Britain to handle simple inquiries in a foreign language have hindered export sales," the document says.

A team from the institute examined education and training for office work in Britain and France.

They found that French firms are increasingly recruiting only highly qualified clerical staff, and giving them far more responsibility through new technology.

French employers are looking for office workers with the Bac G. This is the equivalent of two A levels, but covers a broader range of subjects, half of which are geared to office skills.

By contrast, British employers continue to recruit young people with good O levels and a typing qualification, and give them fairly menial tasks.

The main difference between French and British training for clerical work is that French students go on full-time courses lasting two or three years, and this forms part of their secondary schooling.

British trainees go on short full or part-time courses after they leave school.

French pupils can choose between four nationally-administered levels of vocational examinations and qualifications below university standard, which test a range of vocational skills and knowledge.

British clerical qualifications tend to be based on tests in single subjects, and are narrow and easier to master. "Initial qualifications, such

as CSE and BTEC General (Business and Technician Education Council), although laying the foundations of training, can no longer be regarded as sufficient preparation for efficient work within a modern communications system," the document says.

"Very many more of Britain's potential office employees will need to be educated to the standard of approximately Royal Society of Arts Grade II - encompassing business calculations, bookkeeping, keyboarding and business practice - if its industry and commerce is to have at its disposal a clerical workforce of the same calibre as has for long been regarded as normal in France and Germany."

The institute criticizes the Business and Technician Education Council for failing to set nationwide examinations on the French model.

Vocational training in France and Britain: office work, by Hilary Steedman (Discussion Paper No 14, National Institute of Economic and Social Research, 2 Dean Trench Street, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HE).

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New town points the way to a world of fuel efficient houses

On a seven-acre site at Milton Keynes, 32 developers from the United Kingdom and overseas have built 50 of the most energy efficient houses to be seen in Britain. Designs range from the conventional to the most imaginatively futuristic, costing from less than £30,000 for a one-bedroom flat to more than £150,000 for a detached house. The development reflects a growing awareness of the importance of home-running costs as energy prices rise and modern living demands more and more power-hungry gadgets.

Mixers, microwaves and whirlpool baths all add to costs, and there is likely to be an increasing emphasis in the future on energy saving, a campaign backed with enthusiasm by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy.

With the support of his department, the Milton Keynes Development Corporation is mounting this first exhibition in its energy park, with the Anglia Building Society as co-sponsors. The four-week exhibition is expected to attract 100,000 visitors, and will be followed by a special "business week" concentrating in greater technical detail on the homes and designs on show. The houses will be sold after the exhibition.

The coal, gas and electricity supply industries will be demonstrating their fuel conservation techniques and energy efficient equipment from the UK, Scandinavia, West Germany, the United States and Canada is incorporated in designs from Britain, Sweden, Finland, Canada, Germany, Denmark and Poland.

The houses demonstrate the substantial savings that can be made by ensuring good insulation and include a whole range of measures such as solar systems, heat storage, heat pumps and low energy lighting to bring down costs.

To measure savings, Milton Keynes has developed its own energy cost index, which produces an estimate of a house's total annual energy costs per square metre.

One of the focal points of Energy Efficiency Year, which it is hoped will save Britain £7 billion in fuel costs this year, is the Energy World Exhibition which opens at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday. In the first of two articles, Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent, looks forward to the exhibition and its aims.

At present a house built to UK building regulations would achieve an energy cost index rating of about 170, higher than that of homes built to the standards of many other countries. The Milton Keynes Development Corporation has set a standard for the exhibition houses of 120, representing a saving in the region of 30 per cent. Energy saving has been a priority from the earliest planning stages of the energy park, and detailed site studies, including the most comprehensive micro-climate research undertaken in the UK, have produced planning and landscaping guidelines.

The planting of wind shelters and earth shaping, to slow down crosswinds and deflect cold air currents, is estimated to reduce annual home fuel bills by up to 10 per cent.

Tomorrow: how houses save energy.

Dylan lets questions blow in the wind

By Michael McCarthy

Bob Dylan, the American singer who best articulated the intense feelings of the generation who grew up in the sixties, gave a rare press conference in London yesterday, and true to form at such events, said very little.

Dylan has always eschewed public pronouncements in favour of the cryptic, and yesterday was no exception.

In England to star in a film about a retired rock and roll singer, and facing the press with his director and co-stars to publicize it, he answered more than 40 questions with shrugs, shakes of the head and monosyllables.

The ageing army of Dylan enthusiasts who require more information may like to know that the singer, who is aged 45, will be in Britain for six weeks shooting the film, entitled *Hearts of Fire*, the story of the love rivalry between a faded and reclusive American rock star, played by Dylan, and a young English singer at the peak of his fame, played by Rupert Everett. The object of their affections is an American girl played by the singer, Fiona Flanagan.

Sitting in the National Film Theatre in fringed leather jacket and dark glasses, Dylan gave away nothing new about himself except that he is



Bob Dylan in London yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)

reading a life of Ulysses S. Grant.

Asked if he regretted the myths and legends that surrounded him he shook his head and said "Uh-uh." Asked if, were he now to rewrite one of his most famous songs, "The Times They Are A-Changing", which was almost the anthem of the protest movements of the mid-sixties, the words would be different or the same, he replied: "The same."

Asked why he agreed to make the film, he said: "Uh, I'm really doing nothing right now and it seemed like a good thing to do." Asked what he thought of England, he said: "Uh, I love it." Asked what his plans were after making the film, he said: "Just maybe, you know, drift around."

Police authority left to decide future of Stalker

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Preparations are under way for a security company to deliver copies of the report on Mr John Stalker, the suspended deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, to more than 40 members of the force's police authority.

Later this week the authority will examine recommendations in the report by Mr Colin Sampson, chief constable of West Yorkshire, and decide whether possible evidence that Mr Stalker, aged 47, may have committed minor breaches of force regulations should be taken further.

Mr Sampson is understood to have left the onus on the authority to decide what should be done. It could decide the matters are too trivial — they are said to refer to the use of police cars — to warrant further action. Or it could opt for an investigation by a disciplinary tribunal.

The tribunal would be formed under the aegis of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone.

The Manchester police authority, created after the abolition of the Greater Manchester Metropolitan Council, consists of 15 magistrates and 30 local councillors.

Several leading councillors have expressed support for Mr Stalker and hope that no

further action should be taken. When Mr Stalker was suspended earlier this year, Mr Sampson, working for the Manchester authority and the Police Complaints Authority, began investigations which included the use of police vehicles and situations which arose out of Mr Stalker's friendship with Mr Kevin Taylor, a Manchester businessman.

Yesterday *The Sunday Times* reported that police had examined the activities of Mr Stanley Nin, a leading Manchester member of the Conservative Party, and a Midlands charity.

In investigating Mr Stalker's friendship with Mr Taylor, Mr Sampson, according to the newspaper, looked at the activities of Mr Nin, a former treasurer of the Manchester Conservative Association.

Mr Nin was brought into Conservative circles by Mr Taylor. Staffordshire police had been investigating Mr Nin's involvement with the Vincent Foundation, a charity based in Stoke-on-Trent.

According to the newspaper yesterday, Mr Nin said that he had never been introduced to Mr Stalker who said he could not ever remember meeting Mr Nin.

Fishermen angry over cut nets

A new war at sea was threatened yesterday after Cornish trawlers lost £5,000 in equipment to French skippers.

The British boats, which sail out of Newquay, have lost thousands of pounds in fishing gear so far this year to French boats which ignore marker buoys and cut through nets. The latest incident happened 20 miles off Newquay.

Mr Frank Dungey, a local skipper, said: "We know there were four boats from Cherbourg in the area."

"All the French boats know the positions where we are fishing but there is a handful who ignore all the signs. It is about time the Government did something to help us because some skippers could go out of business."

'Humane' Thatcher derided

Conservative plans to send Mrs Margaret Thatcher on a meet-the-people tour in the run-up to the general election have been welcomed by opposition MPs.

They are convinced that the strategy, aimed at promoting the Prime Minister as a more humane and caring figure, will backfire on the Government.

Mr George Foulkes, Labour MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, said: "Trying to package Mrs Thatcher as a humane and caring person is like trying to sell Dracula as a favourite uncle."

Mr David Alton, the Liberal Party chief whip, said: "It also complements Alliance strategy, which is to expose the Government for what it is on every possible occasion."

Solicitors attack plans to aid injury claimants

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Government proposals to help accident victims to pursue their claims in the courts have come under attack from a group of solicitors representing 14 firms which specialise in personal injury cases.

The group, which is at present handling 99,000 personal injury claims — about one-third of the estimated total made each year — says that present procedures are in need of reform.

But it rejects a key proposal in the recent consultation paper on personal injuries from the Lord Chancellor's Department that a system of paper adjudication could be used for all claims up to £5,000 and all road accident cases.

Under such a system there would not, generally, be a full oral trial. Claims would be settled on the basis of papers submitted from both sides to an adjudicator.

The solicitors say it has not been thought through. The group said that only small cases where damages are limited to £1,000, should be considered for paper adjudication.

"It is our view that in personal injury claims, matters relating to liability can only properly be dealt with by oral evidence."

The solicitors also say there would be heavy costs in putting together a case on paper and that the waiting time between completing a file and the final decision is most unlikely to be a matter of days, as suggested by the Lord Chancellor's Department.

The group, which is chaired by Mr Roger Goodier, of the London firm Rowley Ashworth, also criticizes figures in the consultation paper as "totally unrepresentative and misleading".

Although some High Court personal injury cases can take four to six years to conclude, the average time in the group's experience is nearly two years.

"The consultation paper fails to take into account that it is vital in all cases to wait until a final medical prognosis has been given before settlement of the claim."

The group does agree, however, that there is a need for greater publicity to increase the knowledge of potential claimants of their right to sue.

They called for a group to monitor and run a scheme which would promote and identify solicitors specializing in personal injuries work.

Science report

British birds use fiord in Norway to refuel

By John Timson

Bird flocks consisting of average weight of about 30,000 knots, *Calidris canutus*, have recently been discovered to use Balsford, in arctic Norway, as a staging post when returning to their breeding grounds after wintering in western Europe. At first it was thought that the knots at Balsford, which is about 30 miles from Tromsø, were part of the Siberian breeding population.

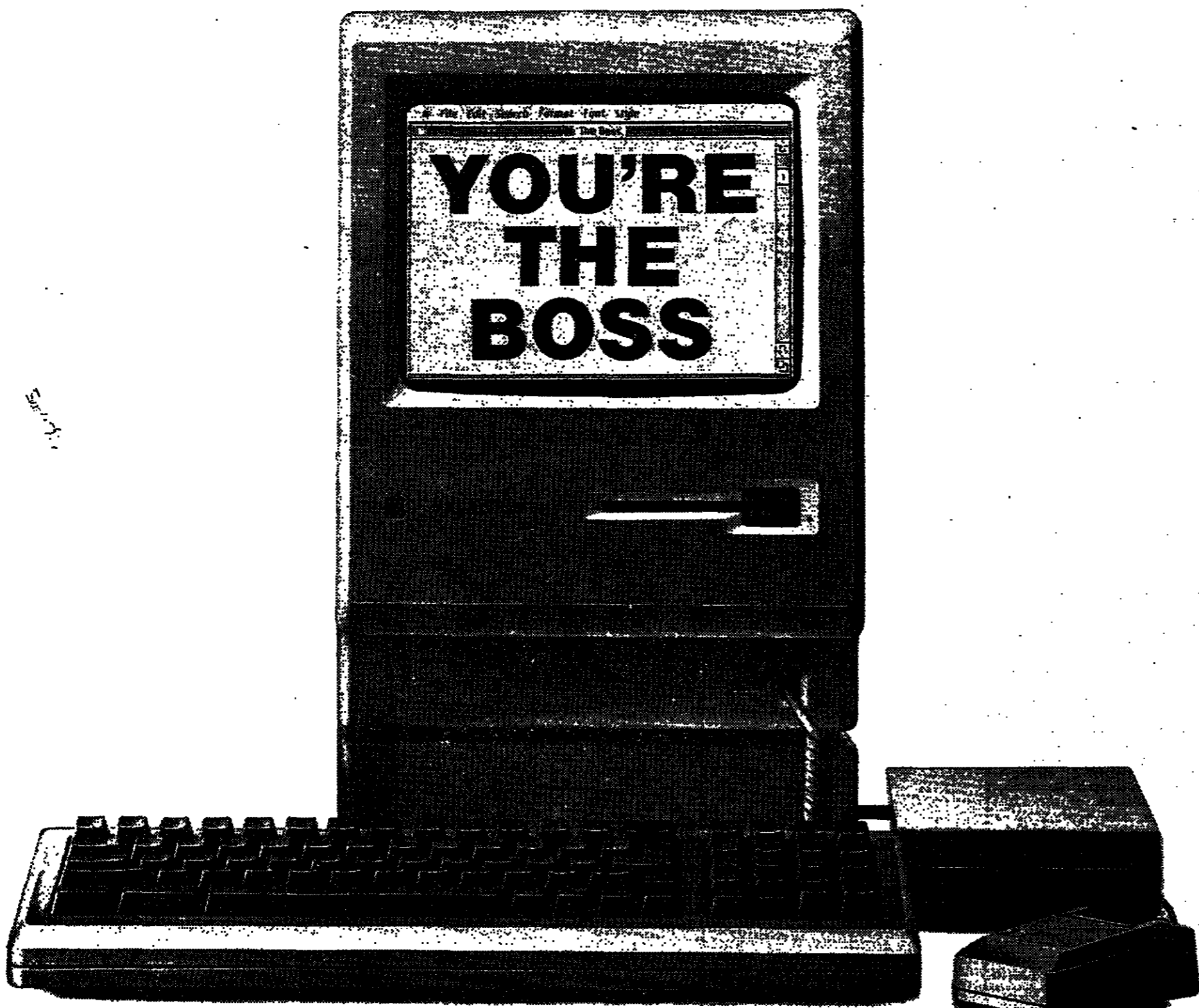
However, detailed observations by zoologists from Durham University have shown that the birds, which belong to the sandpiper family, are part of the Nearctic knot population which breeds in Greenland and arctic Canada.

Since 30 of the 38 ringed birds found at Balsford came from Britain, it seems likely that many of the knots at the fiord started out from the east coast. Knots prepare for migration in April and early May on The Wash and when they set out on their 1100-mile flight to Norway they have an

On arrival they have used up about 20 per cent of their body weight. They replace it in the two to three weeks they spend at Balsford feeding. In late May, knots were seen to leave Balsford flying north-west towards northern Greenland. Assuming they again travel about 1,100 miles, the birds would arrive in north-east Greenland near their known breeding grounds at Peary Land.

Another part of the Nearctic knot population migrates after wintering in western Europe over the Greenland ice-cap to breeding grounds in arctic Canada with a refuelling stop in Iceland.

Aerial observation showed that Balsford was one of the few fiords along the Norwegian coast south of Tromsø which has mudflats and is relatively ice-free in early May. Source: *Bulletin of the British Ecological Society*, vol. XXII.



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White House angered by Senate rebuff over South Africa sanctions

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Reagan Administration is privately expressing anger and dismay at the sharp rebuff on South African sanctions delivered by the Republican-controlled Senate. By an overwhelming majority of 84 to 14, Senators approved a package of restrictive measures against Pretoria on Friday evening that puts the Senate on a course of defiance, collision with the Administration.

White South Africans living in Johannesburg's exclusive northern suburbs are worried about plans to build a large township for 250,000 blacks on their doorstep (Reuter reports from Johannesburg). The 150 white families in the settlement of Lazonia are campaigning fiercely against it, claiming it would lower property values and boost crime.

Denying that the ANC bore equal responsibility for the violence in South Africa, he said the ANC leadership was "largely moderate, nationalist and pragmatic". Only recently had it been "forced to respond to the violence of apartheid with violence of its own". Mr Fraser said it was "tragic" that President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher stood alone in their unwillingness to take an unmistakable stand in support of the black majority in South Africa.

Mr Larry Speakes said the vote would "impede" peaceful change in South Africa, penalize the people and the economy and strengthen radical elements on both sides. But he

legislation by expanding the ban on imports from South Africa to include agricultural products and steel. White House aides, meanwhile, are working hard to minimize the negative impression produced at home and overseas by Mr Reagan's harsh condemnation of the African National Congress in

his press conference last week. Mr Malcolm Fraser, the former Australian Prime Minister and head of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on Southern Africa, delivered a stinging rebuke to Mr Reagan in a letter to *The Washington Post* last week.

Pretoria accuses US of interference

From Kay Kennedy, Johannesburg

The sanctions Bill approved overwhelmingly by the United States Senate on Friday was yesterday rejected by Pretoria and described by its Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. (Pik) Botha, as interference in the country's internal affairs.

He said the Act was already flexible but called for greater flexibility, giving rise to speculation that Pretoria may approve legal "grey" mixed race residential areas, although it refuses to use the name.

But in his Durban address President Botha gave no indication that he was willing to move in these directions. Even more headline speeches from Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, and General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Defence, appeared to make these possibilities even more remote.

Mr Botha said: "The South African Government rejects the steps taken by the Senate as interference in South Africa's internal affairs. While the South African Government is broadening democracy the US Congress is trying to prohibit it."

Some "grey" areas already exist in Johannesburg's Hill-brow district and the Seapoint district of Cape Town. The big snag, however, is that they give unscrupulous landlords an opportunity to exploit tenants ruthlessly.

Blacks killed: According to the Bureau of Information, the sole source of official news about events relating to the state of emergency, three blacks were killed by security forces in the 24 hours to 6am yesterday. Their deaths brought the official weekend toll to seven, with four other people dying in black-on-black violence, the bureau said.

Reagan tax reform passed by Congress

From Michael Binyon, Washington

After hectic late-night sessions and several crises almost leading to breakdown, representatives of the Senate and the House of Representatives finally agreed on the most sweeping tax reform since the Second World War.

The general public, which was only ever lukewarm about the reform, also grew increasingly suspicious of the changes, and saw them as benefits for the rich at the expense of the middle classes.

But fending off lobbyists and special interest groups who hoped at the last minute to restore cherished special tax breaks and deductions, Senator Bob Packwood (Republican, Oregon) and Representative Dan Rostenkowski (Democrat, Illinois), chairman of their chambers' respective finance committees, just managed to agree on new figures before Congress adjourned at the weekend for its summer holiday.

The full House and Senate still have to approve the compromise Bill in a single "yes" or "no" vote next month. There may still be objections, especially in the House, from those who think too many individual deductions have been limited, and from those in the Senate who say business will have to pay too much.



The Korean athlete, Kee Chung Sohn, receiving the antique Greek helmet he should have been awarded for winning the Olympic marathon for Japan in 1936 from Herr Willi Damm of the West German Olympic Committee.

Longest birthday cake for Nordic smoke city

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, celebrates its bicentenary today with a birthday party the exuberance of which belies the size of that tiny island nation. There will be a "fun run" through the streets, a burst of fireworks at midnight, singing, dancing, cabaret, and the longest birthday cake—200 yards, of course—in the Nordic lands, if not in the entire history of the known universe.

Aden jets intercept airliner

Djibouti (AFP) — The East African state of Djibouti has suspended all air and sea links with South Yemen after a Djibouti-bound airliner was intercepted by South Yemeni fighters and detained in Aden for nearly six hours, officials said here yesterday.

The suspension followed an incident on Saturday involving an Air Djibouti Boeing 727, which was flying from the North Yemeni capital of Sanaa to Djibouti and Addis Ababa.

The aircraft had 59 passengers on board, including Mr Hussein Kassem Ahmed, an official of the former South Yemeni Government ousted in January after two weeks of bitter fighting between two left-wing factions. Djibouti's Foreign Minister, Mr Moumin Bahdon Farah, summoned the South Yemeni chargé d'affaires to present him with an official protest at what he said was an act of piracy, officials said.

Canadian storm over Tamil castaways

Ottawa ignored tip-off that boat refugees were coming

A political storm was brewing here yesterday over the Canadian Government's decision to admit 154 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees found drifting last Monday off Canada's east coast.

Meanwhile, spokesmen for the Tamils in Montreal and Toronto, where the refugees have been settled, admitted for the first time that they lied in telling the Canadian authorities originally that they came from India rather than West Germany.

Appeal to China on nuclear plant

Hong Kong (Reuters) — A delegation of community leaders left for Peking to deliver a petition with one million signatures opposing China's plan to build a nuclear plant near the border with Hong Kong.

The plant at Daya Bay, 45 miles north-east of Hong Kong, is scheduled to be completed in 1992 with most of the electrical power to be sold to the British colony.

Sacked oilmen seize rig

Perth (Reuters) — More than 300 natural gas workers, who seized a drilling rig off the north-west Australian coast after being sacked for striking, have refused to leave the platform, police said.

The rig, owned by Woodside Petroleum. The strike was over the dismissal of 14 men who refused to work over a well they said was dangerous.

British couple die in lake

A young British tourist couple from Kent have been found drowned after their hired pedal-boat overturned in Italy's Lake Garda.

The body of the man, aged 21 from Kent, was discovered after police frogmen resumed a search yesterday.

Ghana link-up

Accra (AFP) — Ghana and Burkina Faso agreed here to set up a high political organ to work out a timetable for the political union of their countries within 10 years.

Blaze battle

Logroño (Reuters) — More than 100 Spanish soldiers with helicopters and fire-fighting planes were rushed to this northern wine-growing region to help firemen tackle a blaze raging out of control.

Inside again

Honiara (Reuters) — So far 102 of the 140 prisoners who escaped from the main jail in a mass breakout on Friday night have been recaptured, police said.

Zoo probe

Rome (AP) — The mercy killing of a bear named Ninetta after she developed gangrene from a leg wound has led to a judicial investigation into possible neglect and ill-treatment at Rome zoo after complaints by veterinary groups.

Kremlin job

Moscow (Reuters) — A new Soviet Chemical Industry Minister, Mr Yuri Besspalov, aged 47, has been appointed to replace Mr Vladimir Lisov. 54, who has been transferred to other unspecified work. Tass announced.

Mexico denial

Mexican denials that the US narcotics agent Victor Cortez, above, was tortured with an electric cattle prod by Jalisco state police after being arrested last week have been rejected by the Reagan Administration.



Demons in San Sebastian, in the Spanish Basque country, protesting on Saturday night against the expulsion of alleged members of the Basque separatist organization, Eta, from France.

Last night a French car was set on fire in San Sebastian. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which bore the hallmark of Eta. Basque guerrillas over several months have attacked French property and business interests in Spain in protest against the crackdown on Basque militants living in France.

More than 40 French cars have been destroyed in the Basque region since last month, when Paris began handing over Eta suspects to the Spanish police.

Optimism in Colombo

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

President Jayewardene held two rounds of talks here at the weekend with the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) on the draft legislation for devolution of power. Government sources said afterwards that the effort to find a solution to the island's ethnic crisis was making headway.

Papandreou accused over Iraq arms aid

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek opposition yesterday accused the Government of depleting the Army's stock of artillery shells to help Iraq in its war with Iran. The accusation by the conservative New Democracy comes at a time of increasing tension between Greece and Turkey, and casts a bizarre light on an unexpected appeal by Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, for a peaceful settlement of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Soviet bloc to press UN for peace plan

Moscow (Reuters) — East bloc countries will call for the creation of an international security system along the lines of the 1975 Helsinki accords at the United Nations this year, Pravda said yesterday.

Back at work

Rio de Janeiro (AFP) — Ten of Brazil's most prominent scientists, exiled as subversives in 1970 during the military dictatorship, spent their first day back at a medical research institute here after reinstatement.

Aids brand

Frankfurt (AFP) — A West German doctor, Dr Karl Albert Mütter, has proposed that all AIDS victims should be tattooed on their genitals to alert potential sexual partners, according to newspaper reports here.

Cartoon time

Peking (Reuters) — Cartoons of China's two top leaders, Mr Deng Xiaoping and Mr Hu Yaobang, have appeared in the Shanghai paper *Liberation Daily* in what Western diplomats said was an unprecedented display of artistic freedom.



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Bhutto arrest brings wave of street violence

Protest escalates in Sind

From Michael Hamlyn
Karachi

The faint but distinct scent of tear gas hangs over Lyari, the working-class suburb of Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city, which for five days has been the scene of hit-and-run clashes between gangs of youths and police.

Yesterday angry mobs gathered in the narrow streets of the district and burnt tyres and erected barricades to stop the entry of police vehicles. They pelted the security men, but ran like rabbits if the forces of law and order moved towards them.

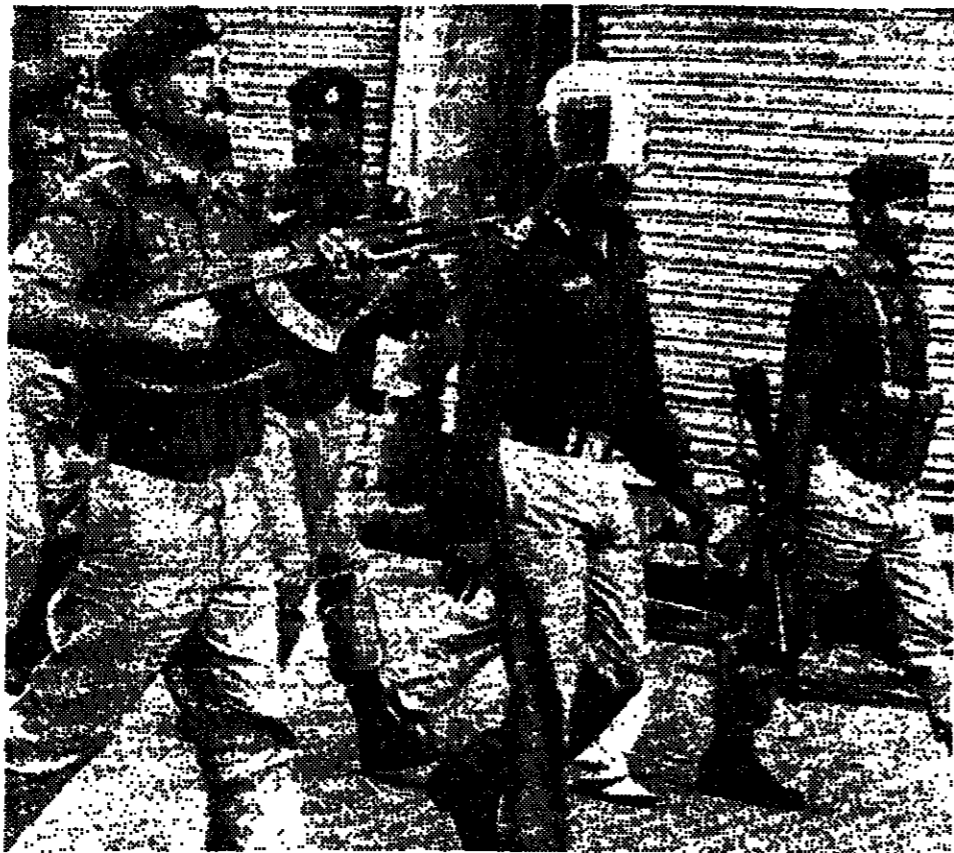
Elsewhere in the province of Sind the clashes have been put down with a great show of force by bringing in the Army. In at least three districts — Thatta, Badin and Dadu — the armed forces are patrolling the streets. One report said that at least five brigades had been deployed in the rural areas.

In Hala, a walled city, ruled feudally by the family of the holy man, the Pir of Hala, troops and citizens exchanged fire yesterday as devout followers of the Pir protested at the arrest of his second son, Makhdoom Khalique.

The pious protesters also found time to burn offices, banks and other public corporations.

The Makhdoom is president of the Sind arm of the Pakistan People's Party, whose national leader, Miss Benazir Bhutto, was arrested last week. Her detention and the seizure of almost all the first- and second-rank leadership of her party sparked the renewed outbreak of violence in the country's two biggest provinces, Sind and Punjab.

The remaining leaders of her party and those of the alliance of opposition parties, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), which is backing her campaign, have given an ultimatum to President Zia's Government. Unless Miss



Riot police patrolling the streets of Lahore to enforce a ban on political meetings. Passions are running high in the city since four rioters were killed after Miss Benazir Bhutto's arrest.

Bhutto is released today, they plan to organize further huge demonstrations.

According to the editor of a Karachi newspaper, the confrontation will be very different from what happened in September, 1983. The MRD conducted a campaign against General Zia's martial law regime, but it really only caught fire in Sind. Punjab's MRD leaders courted arrest in Lahore and Rawalpindi, but the province as a whole stayed calm.

"That was because Punjab is very much averse to Indian involvement," said Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan, editor of the government-owned Daily News. "Mrs Indira Gandhi came out with a statement

very strongly supporting the democratic movement. The Government were able to portray it as a secessionist movement.

"This time, there is a countrywide following for Miss Bhutto, and there is a much greater loyalty to the Bhutto name than there ever could be for such leaders as were imprisoned then."

A big trial of strength is expected today, with demonstrations planned in Lahore and Karachi. In Lahore feelings have risen since the death of four rioters in the wake of Miss Bhutto's arrest.

In Karachi the Government is anxious to avoid creating more martyrs to add to the Lahore total. Last night, a

police inspector coping with the drifting mobs of stone-throwers was in no doubt that he would be able to keep control of them if only the Government would not keep him under restraint.

"We are ordered not to use lathi-charges, not to use bullets. We must not do anything to hurt any of these people, he said.

He complained as stones and pebbles skipped along the street towards us. "But these people are just being exploited; they are ignorant. They are the Negroes of Pakistan. They are not Aryans. They are doing these things because they are in the pay of Libya and Russia and India."

Reagan hits out at cuts in defence

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan accused the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives of waging a "reckless assault on the defence of the United States".

In a sharply-worded reaction at the weekend to the House's sweeping cutback on Friday of his defence budget, and its proposals on arms control, Mr Reagan said the measures, if enacted, would undermine US arms negotiators and eventually imperil national security.

"Soviet arms negotiators must be mystified today that US legislators would give away in Washington what they must have been unable to win in Geneva," he said.

"Soviet military planners must be astonished at the blows the House delivered this week to America's national defence."

He was angry at the series of votes over the past week that have slashed many Pentagon programmes for 1987, especially the Strategic Defence Initiative. They represent the most fundamental congressional challenge yet to his military build-up.

The House voted only \$287 billion (£189 billion) for defence next year. This is considerably less than the \$320 billion the President requested, and it freezes spending at about this year's level.

On the House floor amendments were added to reduce the budget for SDI, to extend for a year the ban on space tests of anti-satellite weapons, to delay the production of new chemical weapons for a year, impose a one-year moratorium on nuclear tests if the Russians do the same, and require continued adherence to the Salt 2 arms accord.

Mr Reagan singled these and other measures out for vehement criticism in his weekly radio speech, taped before he left for a holiday in California. He promised that he would veto the Bill if it reached his desk "in anything like the present form".

The Bill now has to be reconciled with the Senate version already passed. All but 23 Republicans in the House voted against it.

Mr Reagan seemed particularly vexed by the cut in funds for SDI from the \$5.3 billion he sought to \$3.1 billion.

Voice of the people heard in parliamentary experiment

From Our South Asia
Correspondent
Kathmandu

NEPAL Part 1

The mountainous kingdom of Nepal, moving one slow step at a time along the road to full democracy, has now embarked on its second five-year experiment with a partyless Parliament, and the King and his advisers still very much in control.

Last May's elections, held in the shadow of the magnificent frieze of the Himalayas, surprised observers by the extent of excitement shown and the genuine enthusiasm for voting.

These elections prove once again that in the Indian sub-continent people will gladly turn out to exercise their franchise under almost any circumstance that gives them a chance of making their voice heard.

"The carnival atmosphere was the remarkable thing," declared one poll-watcher. "A district officer told me that he was worried by the effect of all these parties, but he didn't mean political parties, he meant candidates buying drinks for their supporters."

Both observers and officials say that the Parliament, the National Panchayat, bears a fair reflection of the people's intentions. "There was comparatively little rigging," a diplomat said, "and though it was said there were no official candidates, there were some, but their number was few."

"People who complained loudest that the election was unfair and rigged were themselves elected," noted a senior Nepalese official. And it is true that such figures as Mr Surya Bahadur Thapa, a former Prime Minister, who was loudly alleging an official campaign against him, surprised himself by the size of his majority.



King Birendra: in full control of country.

The Government is headed by a Prime Minister, Mr Marich Man Singh Shrestha, who appeared and was voted on without opposition, even though the constitution provides for a more open system of selection. The King's prerogative, it seems, still runs to picking his Prime Minister personally.

The man he has picked is a former Speaker, but is, unusually, a low-caste school teacher from the Newar clan. He is also illegitimate and a former Communist.

For the present session his position seems to be secure, but party discipline is impossible in the absence of parties.

By the next session, the post-election honeymoon will be over, there will be little chance of a further distribution of ministries to keep possible dissidents in line, and commentators and senior officials here forecast a tough time for Mr Shrestha.

If he fails, waiting in the wings is the youthful, arrogant and rich Mr Pushpati Shamsar Rana, the only minister to have also served in the last Cabinet, who could be the King's next choice.

It would be the first time since the downfall of the hereditary Rana Prime Minister 30 years ago that a Rana would be in that position, but if Mr Rajiv Gandhi can have the erstwhile Maharajah of Gwalior in his Council of Ministers, why should not the Maharajah's brother-in-law be preferred in loyal Nepal?

Meanwhile, well offshore at present, are the cadres of the Nepal Congress Party, whose strength is uncertain since they boycotted the May elections, but who can be relied on to make the most of any serious political or economic crisis.

Tomorrow: the drugs problem.

Five-term Balaguer

Santo Domingo (AFP) — The conservative politician, Señor Joaquin Balaguer, who is 78 and almost blind, was sworn in here on Saturday for his fifth term as president of the Dominican Republic, in the Caribbean.

In a speech to both chambers of the legislature, he promised to lead his Government's fight against hunger, poverty and cor-

ruption. Señor Balaguer, elected on May 16, succeeds Señor Salvador Jorge Blanco, the social democrat leader of the Dominican Revolutionary Party.

The new head of state inherits a seriously eroded economy. In recent years the bottom has fallen out of the sugar market, the Dominican Republic's principal export.

Paris airspace violated

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

An inquiry has been opened into the security of Paris airspace after a weekend incident in which a small plane flew low over the Palais de Justice and the Préfecture de Police on the Ile de la Cité.

The incident followed one last Sunday in which a small plane landed on a completely empty Champs Elysées,

cleared of pedestrians for the shooting of a promotional film.

It is forbidden to fly over Paris at less than 2,000 metres and these two incidents, plus the daring jailbreak two months ago in which a helicopter was used to whisk away a prisoner, have raised fears that a terrorist act could be carried out by plane.

Solidarity welcome for released dissidents

Gdansk, Poland (Reuters) — Thousands of Solidarity supporters gave an emotional welcome yesterday to two leading opposition figures released from prison under a recent act of clemency by the Polish authorities.

The dissident historian, Mr Adam Michnik, and Mr Bogdan Lis, a former underground leader, spoke to a cheering crowd after appearing as guests of honour with

Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chairman, at a Mass attended by more than 7,000 people.

"I would like to ask you not to forget about our friends who are still in prison," Mr Michnik said.

Mr Michnik, Mr Lis and Mr Wladyslaw Frasyniuk were arrested in February 1984 and later convicted in a closed trial of illegal union activities. Mr Frasyniuk is still in prison.

Soviet satellite plunges into Indian Ocean

Colorado Springs (AFP) — A huge Soviet satellite, out of control in space, plunged into the southern Indian Ocean on Saturday night.

A spokesman for the American Space Command here did not specify where the Cosmos 1767 came down.

The satellite was launched on July 30 by a new-generation Soviet rocket able to launch 15-tonne payloads.

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PLESSEY

Helsinki meeting gives Israelis new hope for future of Soviet Jewry

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

In Moscow yesterday a woman began a hunger strike because she had not been given a visa to travel to Israel to save her brother's life. At the same time Israeli diplomats in Helsinki were preparing for today's first formal meeting in 19 years with Soviet officials.

Israeli hopes that the plight of Soviet Jewry might improve as a result of the meeting are high, even though Soviet sources have repeated that the only subject for discussion will be Russian church property in Israel and consular services for Soviet citizens living there.

The Israeli delegation, however, is under Cabinet orders to raise the subject of Soviet Jewry from the very start of the meeting. The said base of Mr Mikhail Sherman will be a perfect one for them to adduce, to try to prove that the refusal to grant exit visas is a denial of human rights.

Mr Sherman emigrated to Israel six years ago from Russia and has since developed leukaemia. This only chance of survival is said to be a bone marrow transplant and the only likely donor is his sister in Moscow, Inessa Flenov, who has now joined the 400,000 Soviet Jews vainly waiting for an exit visa. Doctors say Mr Sherman will die in three months without a transplant, but the visa for his sister has yet to be issued.

Hence her hunger strike. The Israeli Cabinet has been left in no doubt that public opinion here will allow no concessions to the Soviet Union without a tangible commitment for Jews to be allowed to leave Russia. For

the second week running a regular weekly Cabinet meeting was the subject of a mass demonstration in favour of Soviet Jewry, with several of the activists yesterday chaining themselves to the railings outside the Prime Minister's office.

Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, who arrived in a hero's welcome in February, had a private meeting last week with Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, who insists that there must be "linkage" between anything offered to the Russians and the need to obtain exit visas.

In an article in the *Jerusalem Post* this week, Mr Shcharansky spelt out the Israeli case which he believes must be put in Helsinki.

"We do not hold even one person who wishes to emigrate to the USSR as hostage in our discussions with the Russians," he wrote. "We must therefore insist that any of the three million Jews in the Soviet Union who wish to come to Israel be allowed to do so. This is the only symmetry that holds any meaning. This symmetry must be a condition of any future talks."

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, who is due to take over as Prime Minister in October, has been even firmer than Mr Peres in insisting that Soviet Jewry must head the agenda.

For their part the Russians, who asked for the meeting, have insisted that only the question of the increasingly dilapidated Russian church property and the priests who serve in it are on the agenda. For this reason the negotiators

Israel has chosen are only of medium rank, led by Mr Yehuda Horan, head of the Eastern European Department at the Foreign Ministry.

But Mr Hannan Baran, the ministry's deputy director, is also in Helsinki, where he will be on hand for immediate guidance as the talks progress. The ministry's deputy spokesman, Mr Ehud Gol, has also travelled with the team, showing that Israel is anxious for maximum publicity about what goes on.

Israeli analysts believe the Russians have an ulterior motive in putting out feelers at this stage. With the Middle East peace process possibly getting under way again, the view is that Russia wants to improve relations so that it can have a role to play. But the Israeli negotiators are bound to insist that there is no possibility of this until Russia stops supplying weapons to Syria and Libya.

Overall, the view here is optimistic that the Helsinki meeting will lead to better relations on Israeli terms. It is thought inconceivable that the Kremlin would ask for the meeting without realizing that Israel would demand something in return.



After 30 years in mothballs, the US battleship Wisconsin is escorted into New Orleans harbour, where it will undergo the first stage of a modernization programme to fit it for its return to active service in 1988.

Australian crisis 'like state of war'

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

Australia's economic crisis was as serious as if the country was at war, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, said last night.

But in a television interview linked to tomorrow's budget, Mr Hawke later assured Australians that they were "the greatest people in the world". All they lacked was confidence in their ability to "match foreigners in trade".

Big cuts in public spending are expected to be announced, against a background of the warning two months ago by Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, that adverse trade figures conjured up the spectre of Australia becoming a banana republic.

Mr Hawke said Mr Keating probably wished he had not used the phrase, but that it might have served a useful purpose.

As for the image of the "Lucky Country", he said: "That time is over, and Australians have to understand that."

But Australians were the greatest people in the world, he said, and recalled his trip to the Commonwealth summit: "I've just been to England, where you see the sort of 20th century overlay to a caste-ridden society. They think they are better than us."

Attenborough cleared of racism in Zimbabwe

From A Correspondent Harare

The British film director, Sir Richard Attenborough, has been cleared of allegations that his film company is guilty of racist hiring practices in Zimbabwe, the *Sunday Mail* newspaper reported here yesterday.

multi-million dollar film called *Asking for Trouble* about the South African black consciousness leader, Steve Biko, who died in South African police detention in 1977.

The accusations were made in letters sent to the state-controlled newspaper after filming began last month.

too many of the company's film crew were expatriate Britons.

Unfavourable comparisons are understood to have been made with the American-made low budget film, *King Solomon's Mines*, which was shot in Zimbabwe last year.

The Zimbabwe Ministry of Information, which is a part-

ner in Sir Richard's production, was asked to investigate, and last week dismissed the charges as unfounded.

A ministry spokesman said he had verified that 96 of the 287 members of the film crew were black Zimbabweans.

Zimbabwean law declares the country a non-racial state in which all forms of racial differentiation are avoided.

Sir Richard is directing a

The chief complaint was that

Lee gloomy about Singapore future

David Watts, Singapore

Singapore started its 21st year of independence with a gloomy assessment of why Asia's tiniest success story has outpaced itself in relation to its industrial competitors.

The assessment was given by Singapore's greying father-figure, the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, in a television broadcast last night. He carefully outlined to his citizens how Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea have kept costs low and output high while Singaporeans have enjoyed booming wages and standards of living that have taken salaries not only well above their Asian competitors but swelled unit production costs above those in Japan and the United States.

Five years ago Singaporean wage rates were an average \$1.47 (£.98) an hour with Hong Kong at \$1.51. The period since then has seen Hong Kong rates increase only to \$1.78 while Singaporeans now earn an average of \$2.44 an hour.

To hear Mr Lee talking it was hard to believe that Singapore still has the highest standard of living in Asia outside Japan. In reality, despite Mr Lee's gloom, the country started a modest economic recovery in the second quarter, and there are indications that the strict measures taken to pull the country out of its economic nose-dive are beginning to have an effect.

The measures introduced in the spring include a two-year wage freeze and a reduction in both taxes and the amount of

money employers must pay towards social security costs.

The recovery is still patchy and fragile, with oil refining much improved and electronics climbing off a low point. Tourism showed an average improvement of 2.8 per cent for foreign arrivals in the second quarter, many of them Japanese, cashing in on the strong yen, and second quarter growth of 0.8 per cent looks healthy against a first quarter result of -3.4 per cent.

Reviewing the familiar catalogue of Japanese industrial successes, Mr Lee could not resist outlining some of Britain's failures.

"Compare the British to the Japanese. They were not stupider but the things they chose to pursue did not win." He described Britain's most important failures, such as the disastrous Comet airliner, which yielded leadership of the world airliner market to the Boeing 707 and Britain's inability to compete against the United States in space, as part and parcel of the general British decline since the withdrawal from East of Suez.

Mr Lee's performance was still measured, eminently sensible and far-sighted, but these days there is a tiredness in his voice and some detect a greater concentration on Chinese values in this multi-racial state as the key to its problems. The first 20 minutes of his address, in Mandarin Chinese, were given over to enthusiastic promotion of Confucian values as the formula of salvation for a faltering country.

Coup risk warning in Manila

From Keith Dalton Manila

Some "hidden conspirators" behind last month's attempted revolt against the Philippine Government remain at large and there is a "high risk" that followers of the ousted leader, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, will make another attempt to seize power, a presidential committee has warned.

This second attempt against the six-month-old Government could occur when President Aquino begins a series of state visits later this month, the Manila *Chronicle* reported.

The visits - to Indonesia and Singapore, beginning on Sunday, and to the United States in mid-September - "raise high risks of another similar, if not more serious, Manila Hotel-type incident", the committee warned.

More than 300 troops and several thousand Marcos supporters occupied the luxurious Manila Hotel on July 6.

NEW YORK: A two-day auction at the weekend of goods left by the Marcos family in their New York house brought better prices than expected, a Philippine official said yesterday. The new Government hopes to raise a million dollars from the auction (Reuter reports).

Peru hails break with IMF

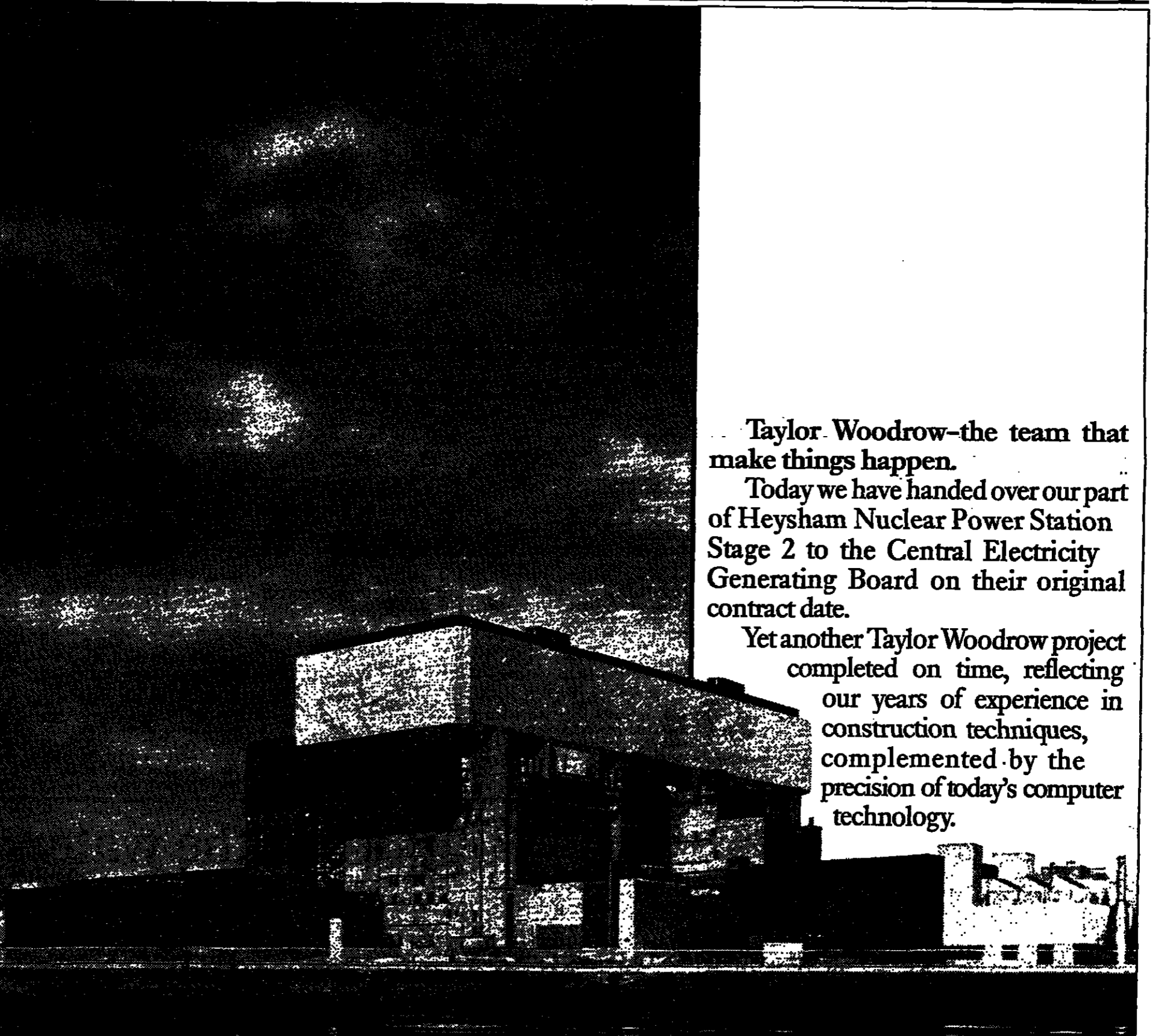
Lima (Reuter) - President Garcia of Peru has labelled the International Monetary Fund (IMF) a banking policeman, saying his country's moves to distance itself from the lending agency opened the way to new economic justice.

Speaking from his presidential palace balcony, Señor Garcia said the IMF declaration on Saturday that his country was ineligible for new loans symbolized the inhumanity and injustice of the world financial system.

Peru lost its borrowing rights at the IMF because of its failure to clear \$158 million (about £105 million) in arrears, becoming the fifth country ineligible for new loans after Vietnam, Sudan, Liberia and Guyana.



President Garcia: financial system inhuman and unjust.



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Another job lost

Scotland Yard has sacked the team who produce The Job, the Metropolitan hobbler's paper. The decision to replace AGB Communications...

Blockade buster

The Selsdon Group, of Conservative free-marketers, has leapt into the South Africa debate with an attack on the sanctions-favouring Tory Reform Group...

Local hero

Tory grass-rootery has taken hold in Norfolk South West. The party, which in May refused to ratify the adoption of Charles Frazier...

Scrap merchant

Clever Department of Transport clerk Paul O'Connor's contribution to the ministry suggestion box has won him £200...



One idea is to have Tam Dalyell's Belgrano question as a running gag.

Stirring stuff

Rough Justice, the axed BBC show that investigated wrongful convictions, claims it has sprung another prisoner, George Beattie, jailed in Edinburgh for murder 13 years ago...

By the book

Who should I spy sitting alone on a 22 bus in the King's Road, his head buried in a book, but Sir Keith Joseph...

Aid that would end apartheid

The international crusade for sanctions against South Africa owes much of its appeal to the illusion that there is no alternative...

Fleur de Villiers argues that sanctions will further polarize South Africa's blacks and whites — and suggests an alternative

It is a Marxist shibboleth that capitalism is the handmaid of apartheid and that economic growth and investment, merely prop up the apartheid society...

ing, for a network for hospitals and clinics, for social and community services and for agencies to help black entrepreneurs...

It is probable that a programme like this would bump heads with the South African government, especially if it created pressure for the proclamation of more townships in metropolitan South Africa...

If, however, instead of threatening isolation, the world were to offer a viable alternative, and if Botha were to reject in favour of isolation, the tide could swing decisively against him...

The author, an assistant editor of the Johannesburg Sunday Times, is a visiting fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Piers Burnett on the basic link between the philosopher and the computer

Alice springs from a tongue called Hope



Ayer: a warning against government cuts



Chomsky: applying logic to linguistics

expert may not explicitly recognize, is to use a branch of logic called predicate calculus. This has led to the development of so-called "logic programming"...

even more. As AI struggles to widen the computer's repertoire, to find ways in which it may advance from the status of a mere mechanical drudge and begin to see, speak and reason like a human being...

We could of course turn to the neurologists for an explanation of what was going on in our brains when they performed such feats but they could, as yet, provide us with little helpful information...

Already, especially in the United States, collaboration and, often, controversy between engineers and philosophers concerned with AI is generating some of the liveliest and most exciting interdisciplinary debate since the Darwinians confronted the theologians 125 years ago...

Clement Freud Putting exams to the test

The other day I was sent a sample GCSE examination paper entitled "English Paper 2 — Understanding and Response"...

university. I am not suggesting that we move towards measuring more factors — as YTS courses now "measure" time-keeping and personal cleanliness — but rather that complementary means of recording achievements should be developed alongside the GCSE...

moreover... Miles Kington

A dead right Wullie

Most people here in Edinburgh can claim some link with the Festival, but my friend Hugh, with whom I am staying, has the rare distinction of having performed in both the Commonwealth Games and the Edinburgh Festival...

It sounds a funny thing to say, but I don't think the Scots like boasting much about their home achievements, only their international successes. Harry Lauder, like Billy Connolly, is a bit of a hero because he made it abroad...

Could the expat vote save Thatcher?

Joan Collins may not portray the acceptable face of capitalism, but she could be a definite electoral asset. The Conservative party hopes that she, along with other Britons in Hollywood...

The Labour Party, which resisted the change, admits that the Conservatives will benefit most and that it cannot match their effort. A comparison can be made with the introduction (by Labour) of postal voting...

Conservatives abroad plans to distribute a news-sheet specifically to inform its members about UK legislation which might affect them. What is the case for giving people the vote wherever they may be in the world?

John Warden



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE August 16: The Queen disembarked from HM yacht Britannia at Aberdeen this morning.

ess of York, Earl and Countess of Inverness, and The Prince Edward also disembarked. The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award 30th Anniversary Tribute Project, today attended a Clay Pigeon Shoot at Glamis Castle.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.C. Cordy and Miss R.A. Doggett. The engagement is announced between Michael Charles, son of Mr and Mrs M.C. Cordy, of Surrey, and Rosemary Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.C. Doggett, of Spain, and Sussex.

Clifford Longley Church broods on Durham

The dramatic high-point of the Church of England's year so far was the passionate speech to the General Synod in July by the Bishop of Durham, the Rt. Rev. David Jenkins, in defence of his doctrinal opinions.

would have to repudiate the conservative position as anti-Christian and evil, not just intellectually weak in the light of the evidence. The Bishop of Durham has taken to extremes the sincere appeal of post-war Christian theologians on the Continent, particularly Germany, that it is no longer possible to do theology with one's back to Auschwitz.

OBITUARY

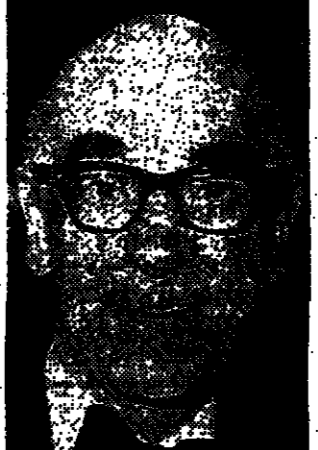
CAPTAIN H. RYAN PRICE Champion trainer and master of the turf



Captain H. Ryan Price, MC, one of the most colourful and successful racehorse trainers, died on August 16, his 74th birthday, after a prolonged illness.

Price was disqualified from training over the running of Rosyth in the 1964 Schweppes Gold Trophy, and the stable was disbanded and the horses dispersed to other trainers.

MR JOHN TREVELYAN



Mr John Trevelyan, CBE, secretary of the British Board of Film Censors from 1958 to 1971, who wielded his scissors with a diplomatic touch, died on August 15. He was 83.

He was educated at Lancing and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he gained a third in history. It was hoped that the young Trevelyan might consider a vocation in the Church: but his fondness for jazz, enthusiasm for sport and addiction to cigarettes, which he had been developing since he was thirteen, seemed to suggest otherwise.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Cyril Uewis and Sir Robert Chalmers as pastime members of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for a further three years from August 15, 1986.

University News

Nottingham The following promotions are announced: Readerships Theoretical Physics: Dr R M Bowley, lecturer in the department of physics.

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Church news

Dr Robin Wootton, senior lecturer in biological sciences at Exeter University, who has received £30,900 from the Science and Engineering Research Council to investigate the structure and biochemistry of insect wings.

MR HUGH GARDNER

Mr Hugh Gardner, CB, who served for almost four decades with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, died on August 6. He was 76.

Advertisement for National Theatre featuring a play and listing box office information.

Arson at Hamburg police station

Continued from page 1 from within the Tamil community.

Herr Wolfgang Bindel, the German sea captain named by Hamburg police as having carried the Tamils aboard his coastal freighter the Auriga...

He said that the first he knew of the affair was when he received a telephone call from his wife and he then immediately turned for home...

Herr Bindel is believed to have paid about 150,000 DM for an operation which is estimated to have netted him at least 700,000 DM.

Shore-to-ship radio stations in Britain and West Germany tried throughout yesterday to contact Herr Bindel aboard the Auriga...

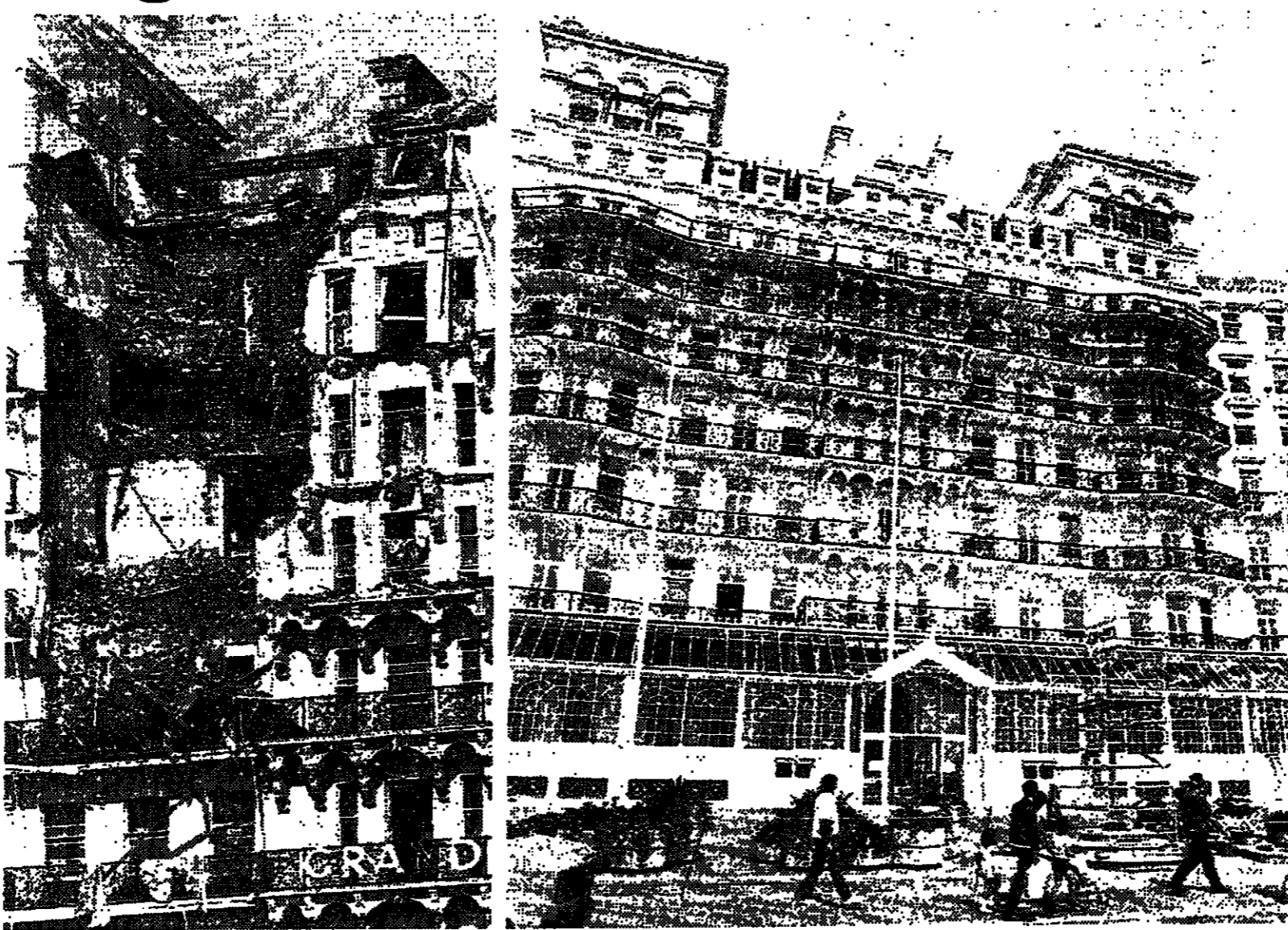
An official at the Portsmouth radio station in Somerset said it was still not clear if the ship was heading north off the West African coast...

"He told the German radio station he did not want to speak to anyone and that is the last we have heard of him," said the official.

German and British stations tried around the clock to contact Captain Bindel on short wave radio, but he never answered.

A shipping source added that although satellites were reportedly being used to trace the vessel it would be almost impossible to identify it on the open sea...

Brighton bomb hotel back in business



The Grand Hotel, Brighton, after the IRA bomb blast and now restored to its former Victorian splendour. (Photographs: Peter Trivnor)

The Grand Hotel in Brighton will open its doors to guests today for the first time since the IRA's murderous bomb attack on the Government 22 months ago...

Five people died and 31 were injured in the blast, which blew out the front of the hotel. About 30 people are expected to check in this morning...

by Mrs Margaret Thatcher on that fateful last night of the Tory Party conference in October 1984 is now the Presidential Suite, with two bedrooms, two sitting rooms, a lounge...

Even the exterior is not quite the same as in 1984. Extra storeys have been built on the west side of the building to give it balance.

Inside, there has been a major redevelopment in which little but the fine oak staircase remains intact. The reception and concourse areas on the ground floor have been moved to the front of the hotel...

Workmen were putting the finishing touches to the cloakrooms but they were expected to be ready by this morning. Mr Baker added: "I think the hotel is very much better than it was before."

Although the renovated building does not have a plaque as a reminder of the bombing, the incident has not been totally forgotten. Later this year, De Vere plans to hold a charity ball at the Grand as a tribute to the emergency services...

None of the party's hierarchy will be present next week, however, when a flypast by Concorde will mark the official opening.

Letter from Warsaw A summer purge on the smugglers

Summer is the season of frontier warfare in the Warsaw Pact and this year the skirmishing is particularly venomous. With the zeal of their breed, customs officers in Romania and Czechoslovakia have been opening cases...

The following scene was recently reported in the Polish press. A Polish mother passing through a Czechoslovak customs control was ordered to take off her son's shoes saying that no children's footwear was allowed out of Czechoslovakia.

From East Berlin to the Polish border is a very short trip but the East German baggage checks give the air of a journey into the heart of the dark continent.

It is a fact that the black market on the communist seacoast, above all in Romania and Bulgaria, enjoys a boom in the summer. But the main effect of the crackdown is to pauperize ordinary tourists rather than hit at the big time dealers.

And these are allies? Tourists, travelling to other East European countries, often have to put up with very tight currency restrictions. They therefore do a bit of business on the side. East Germans take bicycles to Hungary.

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person per day when in transit and the Czechoslovaks want each Pole to draw up a written list of all valuable objects. But what is valuable? The terms are kept deliberately elastic: radios, tape-recorders, cameras, electric shavers, even expensive looking lace underwear have come under suspicion.

What comes in, must go out: there must be no backstreet dealing.

East Germany has always been tough on Polish tourists. This is mainly because of the large number of Polish "gastarbeiter" in East Germany and the relative ease with which Poles can travel to West Berlin.

Tourists, but also black market speculators, come back loaded with fruit, chocolate and clothing that can later be sold profitably in Poland.

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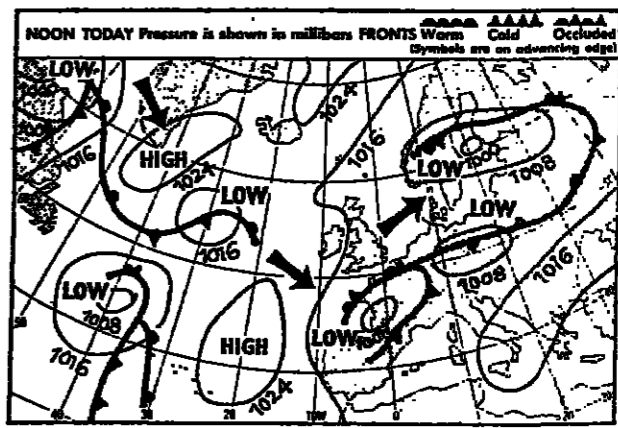
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Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Rd, Stirling, Wed to Sun 2 to 5, Sat 10.30 to 5 (ends Oct 5)

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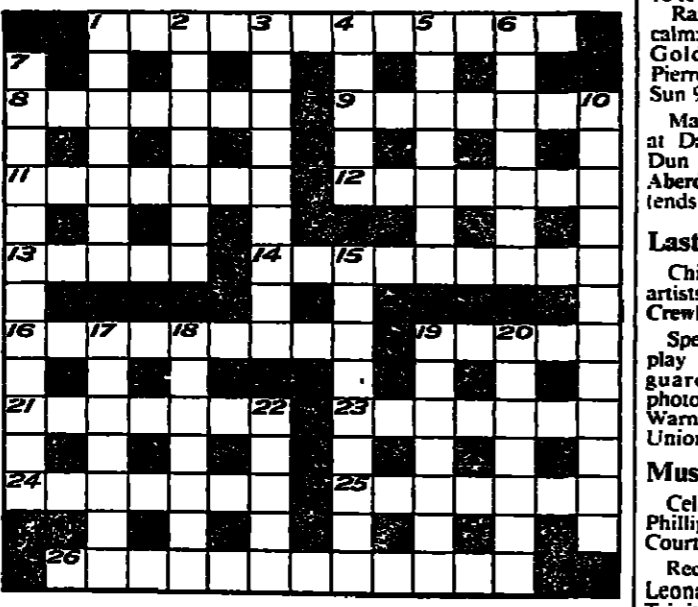
Nature Notes Most of the swifts have gone, and the rest are about to leave: one evening they are hurtling past the roofs where they nested...

Roads Scotland: M74 N of Lesmahagow Strathclyde: extension west to Strirlingshire: single line traffic for resurfacing N of Larnet Loon Road...



High tide table showing times and heights for various locations like London Bridge, Aberdeen, and Cardiff.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,127



- ACROSS 1 The constantly changing pattern of sound radio (12)

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Another victory for gloom and doom

From Maxwell Newton New York

The third quarter has started very inauspiciously with industrial output down 0.1 per cent in July, taking the revised level back to that of April 1985.

Retail sales fell by 0.4 per cent in July, mainly because of weak motor sales, mostly due to a deep-seated failure by General Motors to improve its product line.

The Federal government has nationalized yet another bank, the First Bank of Oklahoma, giving the bankrupt institution \$130 million cash in return for a controlling share.

Meanwhile, the dollar continues to weaken against the other leading currencies, reflecting growing international acceptance of Uncle Sam as a sort of mendicant uncle, who cannot live on except through infusions of cash, drawn from the savings of the world, often from countries much poorer than itself.

Mr Paul Volcker, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has been trying to get the Japanese and the Germans to co-operate in measures to stimulate import demand.

The President is going to have to talk fast to maintain Republican Senate control in November.

This was another week of defeat for Pollyanna "consensus" thinking and another victory for gloom and doom.

ANALYSIS

Unit trust capitalism soars in popularity

By Carol Ferguson

The concept of popular capitalism is built on the premise that the world is full of individuals ready to follow hot tips and invest directly in stocks and shares.

While it is undoubtedly the case that the private shareholder is making something of a comeback after years of decline, direct investment in the stock market is still very much a minority sport.

It is also rather an upmarket activity, 42 per cent fall into social grades A or B (senior white-collar workers, professionals and managers), a group which comprises only 17 per cent of the population as a whole.

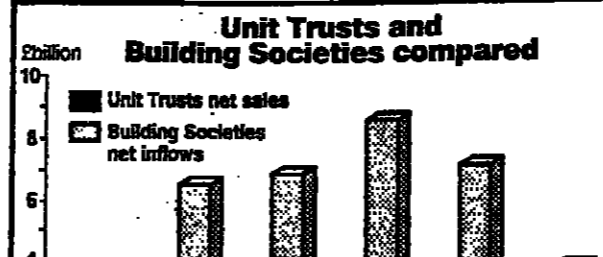
Shareholders are also more likely to be men (58 per cent) and middle aged or elderly (43 per cent are aged 55 or over).

Unit trust investment tends on the whole to be short-term money. It is part of the folklore that private investors pile into the market at the top and bail out at the bottom.

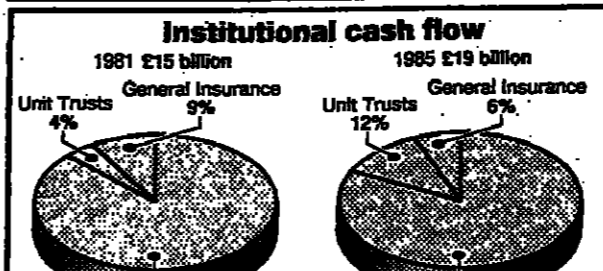
Unit trust sales have been growing at an average rate of 30 per cent a year since 1981. Life and pension funds in contrast have been growing at only 4 per cent a year and building society net inflows have been growing at 18 per cent.

This extraordinary rise in the popularity of unit trusts accelerated in the first half of this year. Net sales in the six months to June 30 were £2.5 billion, nearly equal to the whole of 1985's sales.

It is not clear how many individuals own unit trusts. There are 3 million unit trust accounts, but many holders have more than one account.



Unit Trusts and Building Societies compared



Institutional cash flow

The Unit Trust Association estimates that there are probably around 1 million individual holders, of which 75 per cent are male and 70 per cent are over 55.

Much of the new unit trust investment has been at the expense of the building societies, which have been losing a lot of their appeal as interest rates have come down.

Mr Fenn-Smith, chairman of the Unit Trust Association reported that in both May and June unit trust net new investment figures exceeded building society net receipts.

However, much of the growth has been due to efforts of the life insurance companies who have been active in selling unit trusts both in the form of unit-linked bonds and as direct investments.

Abolition of tax relief on premiums on life assurance policies (LAPR) in 1984 and the consequent decline in the attractions of endowment policies forced the insurance companies to devise new products to offer their clients.

The rising stock market made unit trusts a clear favourite and many of those who would traditionally have bought endowment policies now prefer to buy unit-linked products or even straight units.

And the insurance companies themselves have seen their in-house unit trusts as good investments for their own funds as an alternative to shares.

Of £2.5 billion of net unit trust sales in 1985, an estimated £1.3 billion was linked to life and pension business leaving £1.2 billion as direct holdings.

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The physical manifestation of this is the number of companies announcing contribution holidays or reduced contributions, and increased benefits.

Pension cash flows become a trickle

The rate of growth of life and pension cash flow, has slowed dramatically. Between 1981 and 1985, it rose by only 4 per cent a year from £13.2 billion to £15.4 billion.

This has been due to various factors, including the abolition of LAPR, reducing the attractions of endowment assurance, and the strong performance of the equity market which has caused many pension schemes to be overfunded.

The Government introduced measures in the last Budget to ensure that pension fund surpluses were reduced. But the pensions industry had already started to reduce contributions and increase benefits to pensioners.

Otherwise, it is believed, the life companies' 1985 cash flows could have been as much as 25 per cent higher than they were.

In the last 20 years, indeed over any extended period, equities have risen at about 5 per cent a year over the rate of inflation.

Actuaries set the level of contributions depending on the outlook for inflation and different types of investment.

During the years of high inflation in the late 1970s, equities grew more slowly than inflation. Negative real rates of return meant that pension fund contributions had to be jacked up, and the life companies' net inflows rose to as much as 25 per cent of funds under management.

Low inflation and a strong equity market have caused the rate of inflow to fall to only 6 per cent of funds under management, not much more than the yield on the insurance companies' portfolios.

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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

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COMPANY NEWS

● FINDHORN FINANCE: Six months to June 30. No dividend. Turnover £232,680 (£761,699). Loss, before and after tax, £326,780 (£314,434).

● JOHN REALES: Total dividend raised to 4.8p (4.4p) for the year to May 31. Turnover £15.57 million (£13.7 million).

● HAROLD INGRAM: Year to April 30. Total payment 3p (2.5p). Turnover £5.26 million (£4.42 million). Pretax profit £323,774 (£327,131).

● GROUP INVESTORS: Total dividend 4.8p (4.2p) for the year to June 30. Gross revenue £939,126 (£896,892). Earnings per share 5.7p (4.75p).

● TELFOS HOLDINGS: Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 1.25p (1.17p) (adjusted), payable Oct. 24. Turnover £4.49 million (£5.02 million). Pretax profit £881,000 (£508,000). Earnings per share 5.80p (4.50p).

● BLUEMEL BROS: Mr B Sedghi, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that, despite an exhaustive investigation, the board has not been satisfied that the right opportunity has presented itself to lead to a reorganisation.



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USM REVIEW

Thrills and spills in store for third market investors

The Unlisted Securities Market has entered the period of summer quiet and calm. But with less than 100 days to go...

third market was greeted with initial enthusiasm by all parties, ranging from the Department of Trade and Industry to the OTC Practitioners' Committee...

framework for the securities industry which have effectively blocked the OTC traders from becoming members of the Stock Exchange.

(one area where some OTC dealers have attracted some criticism). The new market will comply with SIB requirements so that it can operate as a recognized investment exchange.

In April this year, it announced plans to set up a third market which would bring the OTC under its umbrella. The proposal to launch a

It seems unfortunate that the timing of the proposal to set up the third market should have coincided with the changes in the legislative

Mr Tony Prior of Prior Harwin, the chairman of this alternative exchange, states that the new market will have the most up-to-date electronic technology for bargain information and reporting

view the question of a final at the end of the year. Although the outcome for the year will be a substantial loss at the present stage, current trading indicates a second-half improvement.

COMPANY NEWS

UNION CARBIDE: Net income for second quarter of 1986 \$388 million (\$259 million), against \$101 million, reflecting a \$333 million gain, principally from divesting the battery products business.

PRETAX PROFIT: £349,872 (£352,104). G F & C ENTERPRISE TRUST: Six months to June 30. Total revenue £343,000 (£588,000). Earnings per share 0.004p (0.14p).

GREYCOAT GROUP: Roesbough Greycoat Estates Holdings, a company in which the group has a 40.3 per cent interest, has forward-leased its new, 75,000 sq ft City office development at 3 Finbury Avenue to Henderson Administration Group at a rent of about £32.50 a sq ft.

JOS HOLDINGS: Year to July 31. Total dividend 4p (3.55p). One-for-five scrip issue proposed. Gross revenue £474,000 (£396,000). Earnings per share 4.41p (3.63p).

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CBI takes action on hoax calls

By Our City Staff

Hoax callers who claim to have poisoned foodstuffs and toiletries are to face prosecution, heavy fines and possible imprisonment, according to the Confederation of British Industry in a statement today.

The legislation, which is now at the committee stage in the Lords, will make it a criminal offence to claim to have contaminated goods with the aim of causing financial loss to retailers or manufacturers.

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COMMENT

Case for a blitz on unemployment

There is no shortage of worry over unemployment as a social problem: not enough attention has been paid to it as a direct economic problem. Indeed, it is sometimes said, and more often thought, that long dole queues are necessary for sustained economic growth for the majority.

Now that inflation is on the run, unemployment is the prime remaining obstacle to economic health. The loss of tax revenues and the swelling cost of social security — not simply in unemployment benefit — are at the heart of the fiscal impasse.

On such a scale, consumers who are not producing are also an inflationary force. As earnings figures show, unemployment no longer damps wages rises. So monetary and fiscal policies have to be that much tighter.

The waste of productive potential prevents the British economy — and most others in Europe — growing at a faster pace. Too often, even those who reject postwar notions of economic management put it the other way round.

Indeed, unemployment is at the centre of a series of chicken and egg arguments. Lower taxes and more creative government spending would cut unemployment, but the cost of unemployment keeps taxes high and absorbs available spending.

That is not to say that tax and money policies should be reversed. The defensive climate of management thinking needs to be changed, so that expansion in new projects is seen as the counterpart of job-shedding rationalization.

On the spending side, the defence budget could be diverted to advance rather than delay warship orders. Liverpool-style partnerships with business might be used to give project grants to invest in the earning power of one depressed town after another.

Much of this could be paid for by the extra incentives of discounts on social security benefits in places helped, or by further temporary benefit discrimination against youth. Long-term jobless leaving the register over a specified period could be freed of all income tax for two years.

Such measures can readily be dismissed as panic gimmickry, irrelevant to the serious business of creating "real" jobs in a healthy economy. But there is much to be gained by such calculated risks.

They provide industry with necessary conditions for growth. Rather, other policies should be focused on putting people into jobs.

There is no shortage of measures to improve the labour market, stimulate enterprise and persuade more to stay at home. Most, however, are long-term structural adjustments that are slow to build an effect.

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Grant rules are unfair for unmarried lone parents

Regina v Secretary of State for Education, Ex parte Schiemann [Judgment given July 30]
The application of regulations which provided that lone parents who had never married were ineligible for a hardship grant but that lone parents who had been married were eligible, infringed the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to vocational training as embodied in Council Directive 76/207/EEC.

Home Secretary exceeded powers over allowances

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Bennett
Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Thornton
Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Glidewell [Judgment given July 30]
In publishing a circular giving criteria upon which he would approve the decisions of police authorities, the Home Secretary was attempting to affect the authorities in the discharge of their functions under regulation 47(4)(b) of the Police Regulations (SI 1979 No 1470) and was thereby acting outside his own functions under that regulation.

SKIING
Mueller holds on as Zurbriggen goes on the attack

Las Lenas, Argentina (Reuter) - Peter Mueller, of Switzerland, got his World Cup season off to a fine start at the weekend by opening up an early lead in the championship despite a strong attack from his compatriot Pirmin Zurbriggen.
After two days of competition in the men's downhill event, Mueller was on 40 points, five points ahead of his team-mate, having finished first in two of his two races. Third place went to Leonhard Stock, of Austria, the former Olympic champion.

GOLF
Twitty leads way

Castle Rock, Colorado (Reuter) - Two world champions, Bernhard Langer led the way as 12 players advanced to the final round of the \$1 million (£650,000) international tournament. Twitty had seven birdies and dropped a stroke at three holes for 11 points in the modified Stableford scoring system, while Langer made six birdies and twice dropped a stroke for 10 points.

MOTOR CYCLING
Keeping his best till last

By George Ace
When Joey Dunlop, the Formula one world champion, finished 63 seconds adrift of Neil Robinson in the FI category at the Shell Ulster Grand Prix meeting over the hundred circuit in Northern Ireland at the weekend, and followed that with a remote fourth behind Stephen Cull in the 250cc class, his admirers had visions of Dunlop being eclipsed over his favourite circuit.

SHOOTING
Braisher's superiority confirmed

By our Shooting Correspondent
Neil Braisher, a marketing executive from Chichester, took most of the major trophies at the National Small Bore Rifle Association meeting which ended at Bistley on Saturday, but had a hard task to win the British individual championship.

CRICKET
Another field day for the frisky Lamb

By Peter Marson
Alan Lamb's run-making spree in the Britian's county championship gained momentum in another big innings at Colchester on Saturday and in the main it was his 81, and Robert Bailey's 63, which propelled Northamptonshire to victory.

Saturday's scores

British Assurance county championship
HOLTESTEAD: Yorkshire 131 for 7 D. Brown 56, R. H. Fothergill 38, G. G. Hill 26, M. S. Jones 21, J. M. Southey 21.
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HORSE TRIALS

Trusty favourite keeps Davidson ahead of the reigning champion

By Jenny MacArthur

The former dual world champion, Bruce Davidson from the United States, riding his favourite horse, J J Babu, relegated the reigning world champion, Virginia Lang, on braces, into second place after a tense finish to the Croft Original British Open horse trials at Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire yesterday.

With Pomeroy was rewarded with third place - the same position as he had at Badminton. He finished on the same mark as Ian Stark on his Badminton winner Sir Wattie but had a faster cross country round.

Lang's 21 - gave her victory. Miss Hunt's natural ability suggests her as the next Landis Green - although comparison was not possible yesterday because Mrs Green withdrew after contracting a virus.

Miss Hunt was one of only a handful of people throughout the day to jump the bounce of corners at fence 14 - the most technically difficult fence.

It was the first time foreign riders have been able to compete in the British Open and Davidson, who is taking J J Babu to Burghley next month, provided a superb finish to the competition as the last to go, he galloped determinedly round Captain Mark Phillips's challenging course to beat Mrs Lang by ten points.

Outside the championship class, the most inspired rides of the day came from 21-year-old Rachel Hunt who won the Young Riders' section with Aloaf, then had a fall at the water with Friday Fox but, despite badly bruising her right arm, returned to the fray one hour later to ride her Badminton runner-up Piglet to first place in the advanced section.

The one sadness of the day was Richard King's seeding, who had to be put down after falling badly when trying to jump fence seven, The Steps Lane Crossing in one.

POLO

Veterans help Bicester to victory

By John Watson

The Pony Club championships, organized by Mr and Mrs John Crisp, and sponsored by the Bank of Ireland, were completed at Amberham, Sussex, yesterday with the Bicester team carrying off the supreme prize, the Rendell Trophy. Yesterday's proceedings started with a display by the two sides, which formed a colourful mounted column to salute Viscount Crowdy, their weekend host. The Rendell was challenged on a League points system.

point until Saturday, were then overtaken by Bicester, who went on to win overall by a comfortable margin. Managed by Mrs Crisp and headed by special team captain, Mrs Crisp, Bicester fielded two veterans, Robert Thame, the Pony Club's All-England captain, and Rupert Thorne, who was yesterday awarded the scholarship prize for "the boy showing most promise".

It was a desperately close affair at Hove where Kent beat Sussex by one wicket with four balls to spare. Kent's target had been 182, and Hinks and Aslett had made runs before the brothers Cowdrey came to the bat.

ATHLETICS



On top of the world: Jordanka Donkova of Bulgaria after setting a world record for the 100 metres hurdles in Cologne yesterday (Report, page 30)

FOR THE RECORD

HENDON: IFC women's international... FOOTBALL... GOLF... MOTOR RACING... HOCKEY... BASEBALL... BASKETBALL... RIFLE SHOOTING... TENNIS... ROWING... CYCLING... SWEAT-SEA: The New Zealanders' second innings wickets in hand, are 149 runs ahead of Glamorgan.

CRICKET: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOSE LEADERSHIP OF JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL LEAGUE

Essex on top again thanks to Hardie

By Ivo Tennant

COLCHESTER: Essex (44) beat Essex by 31 runs. Essex, the John Player Special League champions, went back on top yesterday by beating Northamptonshire, the leaders. A century by Brian Hardie was the main factor in their victory, which also owed much to tidy bowling of the two sides.

Lever held the ball swung away from him in the build-up to a batting confidence when Gooch bowled him with one that appeared to come back. As Cook had done when Essex batted, Afield bowled a tidy spell in the middle of Northamptonshire's innings.

Randall's stylish comeback

By Richard Streeton

Derek Randall marked his return to first-team cricket with an entertaining 88 yesterday as Nottinghamshire maintained their challenge in the John Player League. Randall, who has been absent since breaking a finger on July 9, was top scorer as Nottinghamshire made 237 for five.

Slack and Radley in form

By Peter Marson

Hampshire lost ground in the John Player Special league at Lord's yesterday when Middlesex romped home to win by eight wickets. Set to take 106, Radley made 47, and Slack, 75, before Butcher, 42 not out, and Carr, 26 not out, hit the winning runs with six balls to spare.

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Derbyshire enjoy a crushing victory

By Peter Hall

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire (4 points) by Yorkshire by 10 wickets. Outstanding seam bowling by De Mortensen and Michael Holding sent Yorkshire to a crushing defeat yesterday, their first by Derbyshire in the John Player League since 1978. After Yorkshire had been bowled out 132, Barnett and Hill's unbeaten partnership took Derbyshire to victory with 11 overs to spare.

Johnson, the non-striker, was unluckily run out when Makinson, the bowler, deflected a straight drive into the stumps. Broad was splendidly caught by Lloyd. He recalled the days when he was a spectacular cover fielder, by diving sideways at mid-wicket to hold a firmly struck ball.

From the moment Rice arrived, he drove and pulled runs positively. Randall was admirable in keeping the score moving with cleverly placed singles, though he hit with gusto near the end.

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OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Multiple tables showing cricket scoreboards for various matches including Worcester v Leicestershire, Warwicks v Gloucestershire, and others.

Warwicks v Gloucestershire

Table showing cricket scoreboards for Warwicks v Gloucestershire.

Sussex v Kent

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6.50 Breakfast Time with Nick Ross and Guy Michelmore...

TV-AM
6.15 Good Morning Britain
presented by Arno Diamond and Arno Brown...

TV-LONDON
9.25 Thames news headlines
presented by Alan Gifford...

BBC 2
6.55 Open University: Maths - Group Theory...

CHANNEL 4
2.35 Film: As Long As You're Healthy...

Radio 4
On long wave. Stereo on VHF...

Radio 3
On VHF only...

Radio 2
On medium wave. Stereo on VHF...

BBC 1
9.30 The Adventures of Bullwhip and Rocky...

BBC 2
9.00 Cee-fax
9.25 News summary with subtitles...

CHANNEL 4
3.45 The Men That Corrupted Hadleyburg...

Radio 4
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.20 News...

Radio 3
6.35 European reception
On medium wave only...

Radio 2
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